

GS-III Indian Economy and Issues relating to Planning, Mobilization of Resources, Growth, Development and Employment.

1. It is Imperative to Focus on Agricultural Production in devising a long-term solution to the problem of Unemployment. Comment

Why this Question?

- Recent economic slowdown and the last periodic labour force survey point to a dramatic rise in the unemployment rate.

Key Demands of Question:

- Explain the relationship between agricultural production and the unemployment problem.
- What are the changes required in the agricultural sector to tackle the unemployment problem in the long-term.
- Explain the relationships between jobs, agricultural production and the long-term solution (means to tackle the climate change).

Answer:

Directive word: Comment

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences. These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Explain the recent economic slowdown and the increasing unemployment rate based on the facts and figures. EX. Periodic labour force survey report.

Body:

- Explain the link between the agricultural production and the unemployment.
- Explain why focus needed on the agricultural production to tackle unemployment.
- Explain the recent measures by the government that doesn't address the problem. For example, corporate tax reduction.
- Explain the causes for the decline of rural income in the context of agricultural production. Write the ecological factors such land degradation, etc.
- Explain the long term solution. i.e. the solution should be sustainable in nature.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with a fair and balanced view of the issue and some way forward measures to overcome the challenges pertaining to the unemployment situation.

